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A PROCLAMATION

Anent the Sumptuary Law.



LETTERS by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Macers of Our Privy Council, or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting; Forasmuch, As albeit We have by Our several Proclamations, and Our Act of Parliament, dated the day of Ratifying and Approving the same, Given all Encouragement to Manufacture within this Kingdom, by Prohibiting the Importing of these things which might Discourage the same, and for Promoving the Interest thereof, in manner at length mentioned in these Proclamations and Act of Parliament; Yet understanding that the same hath not received that due Obedience which was required, and by Us designed to the end foresaid: As We hereby with Advice of Our Privy Council, Revive and Renue, all the foresaid Laws, made in favours of Manufacture, and for Prohibiting and Discharging the Importing or Wearing what is thereby prohibited; So We also strictly Require and Command the same to be put to due and vigorous Execution, every manner of way, as is thereby prescribed. And for further clearing of Our Subjects, as to what may be worn or not (besides what is already Allowed,) We with Advice foresaid. Do hereby Prohibite and Discharge, all Embroideries of Hair, Threed, Buggle, except what is embroidered within this Kingdom, to be made use of any manner of way; as also the wearing of any new Invention which may render Our saids Proclamations and Act of Parliament elusory, and likewise the Importing or Wearing of all English-Cloath, save where the same is brought in, being made and worn Abroad for some time, or where Cloaths are already made thereof within this Kingdom; as also the wearing of all Stuffs, or prohibited Cloaths abroad, or in the Streets, under the pretence of Night-Gowns, or Un Dresses, under the Pains and Certifications contained in Our saids Proclamations and Act of Parliament. And for the more effectual prosecution of this Our Pleasure, We hereby Require and Command all Our Judges and Magistrats within this Kingdom, to see this Our Proclamation, now, as formerly, duely put in Execution. And as a further Addition to what is already allowed to be worn, We hereby allow the wearing of all Dropped, Spotted, Figured and Chequered Stuffs within this Kingdom, where the same doth not exceed Seven Shillings *Sterling* the Yard, at most, without incurring any Penalty or Hazard upon that account. And that Our Pleasure herein may be known, Our Will is, and We Charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and all other places needful, and there in Our Royal Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make Publication of Our Pleasure in the Premises, that punctual Obedience may be given thereto, and none pretend Ignorance.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the Sixteenth day of September, 1686. And of Our Reign the second Year.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

WILL. PATERSON, *Clk. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD save the KING.

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